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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) administers the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP). This brochure briefly describes the program requirements. Please take a few minutes to review the following information concerning the various types of grants available and who is eligible to apply for funds.

Program Description

The Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) is a grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that assists Illinois communities by providing grants to local governments to help them in financing economic development projects, public facilities and housing rehabilitation. The program is targeted to assist low-to-moderate income people by creating job opportunities and improving the quality of their living environment.

Who Can Apply

Units of general local government such as cities, villages, townships and counties may apply for funding. Local governments must have populations of 50,000 or less and must not be located in an urban county or the 38 cities that receive federal "entitlement" funds. The counties of: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair and Will are entitlement counties and not eligible for CDAP funds.

Application Process

Applications are to be submitted to DCEO by the deadlines noted in the grant description section of this brochure. After receipt, applications are reviewed by program staff and rated according to criteria outlined in the program guidelines. Staff recommendations are submitted to DCEO's Director for approval. A grant award document is then prepared and forwarded to the unit of local government. When requesting application guidebooks, please allow yourself sufficient time to complete the applications and return them to DCEO by the appropriate deadline. All units of local government interested in applying are encouraged to attend the application workshop on February 19, 2003. Application guidebooks will be available at the workshop.

Application guidebooks also may be requested by mail or by calling 217/785-7546 (TDD: 217/785-6055).

What Types of Grants are Available

◆ Economic Development

Grant funds of up to \$750,000 may be available for loan by a local government to businesses locating or expanding in the community. Funds may be used for machinery and equipment, working capital, building construction and renovation, and improvements to public infrastructure that directly support this development. Applications may be submitted at any time.

◆ Emergency Public Facilities Set-aside

When emergencies strike, communities may apply for grant funds up to \$100,000 to undertake projects that improve public infrastructure and eliminate conditions detrimental to health, safety and public welfare. The funding priority for this component is water and sanitary and storm sewer projects. Applications may be submitted at any time.

◆ Housing

Single Family Owner Occupied - To provide safe and sanitary living conditions for low-to-moderate income residents of their communities, local governments may request grant funds up to \$400,000. These grants are used to upgrade existing housing stock in the communities. Applications are judged competitively and are due July 11, 2003.

Mobility and Accessibility Rehabilitation Supplement (MARS) - To provide safe and accessible housing conditions for low-to-moderate income residents of owner occupied and rental units in their communities, local governments may request grant funds up to \$100,000. These grant funds are used to rehabilitate and retrofit properties for occupancy by persons with physical impairments. MARS applications may only be submitted as a supplement to Single Family Owner Occupied applications. Applications are judged competitively and are due July 11, 2003.

◆ Planning Assistance

Local governments may request grant funds up to \$25,000 for a variety of planning activities such as studies, analyses, data gathering, identification of implementation actions and preparation of specific plans. Projects which address problems of a health and safety nature, such as water or sewer problems, are a funding priority under this component. Applications are judged competitively and are due April 30, 2003.

◆ Public Facilities Construction and Design Engineering

Local governments needing to improve public infrastructure and eliminate conditions detrimental to public health, safety and public welfare may request grants up to \$100,000 for Design Engineering and \$400,000 for Public Facilities to undertake projects designed to alleviate these conditions. The funding priority for this component is water, sanitary and storm sewer projects. Applications are judged competitively and are due October 1, 2003.

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